

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: IMAGE ENCODING METHOD, DEVICE
THEREOF, AND CONTROL PROGRAM
THEREOF

Examiner: A. N. Holder

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

MS RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination and is in response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2011. Before further examination, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	9	- 30* =		x \$60.00	\$0.00
Independent	9	- 15** =		x \$250.00	\$0.00
First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)					
TOTAL					\$0.00

*not less than 20

** not less than 3

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.